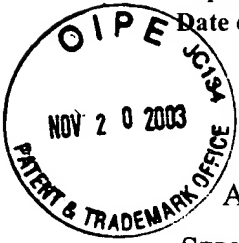


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APPLICANTS : Francois Mach
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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to respond to the May 20, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before November 20, 2003. A check in the amount of \$475.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-501 CIP. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer A. Karnakis".

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